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In re Application of:

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**For: METHODS FOR FORMING  
PROTECTIVE LAYERS ON  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE  
COMPONENTS SO AS TO REDUCE OR  
ELIMINATE THE OCCURENCE OF  
DELAMINATION THEREOF AND  
CRACKING THEREIN**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application on the merits, entry of the amendments as set forth herein is respectfully solicited.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.